

Dear friends,

John Wesley, the 18th century preacher and founder of Methodism, said that the Feast of All Saints was his favourite festival in the church calendar. It was the one time, more than at any other, when the great chain of witness, from the earliest worshippers of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, was emphasised and brought into the present through remembrance.

That wonderful, magnificent passage from the Book of Revelation 7: 9-17, some of us can never hear without wanting to sing it as Handel set it to music in The Messiah, is a passage of remembrance of the heroic witnesses to the faith.

Psychologists tell us that our memories are what form our sense of identity. Events and persons which do not stick in our memories really do not influence us much at all. The things and persons we remember, however, have the power to shape us and mould us and direct us long after they are past and gone, even when those memories are deeply buried in our subconscious mind. To a large extent, we are what we remember.

A Methodist minister had lunch with an Anglican priest with whom he had gone to school with twenty-five years earlier, and whom he hadn't seen or kept in touch with all those years. They didn't talk about anything serious; they just remembered together. Through their memories, they relived their school days, names of significant people came up, and with their names came faces and voices and a reaffirmation of what those people had meant to them for good or for ill.

We've probably all had similar experiences. The strange thing is that when we do this kind of significant remembering of the persons in the past who have had important influences on us, we begin to get a sense of our place in the world, and a hint or a glimpse of where we might be headed. In short, memory leads to hope.

At TaB this Sunday we will celebrate the Lord's Supper, we gather to remember in this deep sense: we eat and drink the bread and wine in remembrance of Jesus. By remembering, we recall his life into ours to help us know who we are and what the meaning of our journey is, and we learn to trust him to lead us into the future. But we don't gather alone; we are part of the communion of saints.

The words that we say at the beginning of the Great Thanksgiving as we gather around the Lord's table, ring in our hearts with new meaning, *"And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise your name, and join their unending hymn.*

*"That's who we're in fellowship with this week; all the saints in earth and heaven, who by their faithful witness to Jesus Christ, offer us the priceless gift of hope."*

God Bless You

**Rev Sam**



# LECTIONARY REFLECTIONS

By Theo Hercules

*Lectionary Readings: Matt 5: 1 – 12 and Revelation 7: 9 – 17 All Saints Day*

## Washing your Robe in the blood of the Lamb



We have been reading Matthew's gospel since Pentecost. In the first chapter Matthew tells of the genealogy of Jesus; chapter two tells of his birth. In chapter three we learn of the Baptism of Jesus by John, while Chapter four heralds the Ministry of Jesus after his temptation in the wilderness.

Our reading today often referred to as "The sermon on the Mount" or "The Beatitudes" emphasises new teachings by Jesus. As if to recall the commandments to the people of Israel, Jesus spoke with authority on most topics relevant to their everyday lifestyle. At a time when we remember those who have gone on before us, we yearn to comfort and support those who have lost love ones as we treasure and honour their lives lived on earth to the glory of God our Father.

In Revelation John speaks of a great multitude from every nation, which no one could count, with palm branches reminiscent of Jesus triumphantly entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. *"Then he said to me These are they who have come out of the great ordeal, they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."* This an elder speaking to John after he had asked John about the large multitude. We may compare this to Ezekiel 37 :3 *"Mortal, can these bones live?"* We note the answer in both encounters. The mortal does not answer the question for mortals however pious and has not seen all. For there is a door to which mortals have no key and a curtain to which he can only enter at a certain time.

On this All Saints Sunday we come to realise that those who serve God steadfastly, sincerely, and reverently will at the end of their days be with the Lamb. For regardless of the tribulations they had suffered, the pain they endured, they ended their days holding fast to the promises of Jesus of being with him in paradise.

We pray for all who have lost loved ones and are taking part in our services today. May the God of Peace and Love be with us all as we remember our relatives and friends who have gone on before us. May their souls Rest in Peace, Perfect Peace. May they awake with their robes washed in the blood of the Lamb.

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# PASTORAL

## Tony Addo & Pastoral Leaders



Our thoughts and continued prayers are with our TaB Family and Friends during this current pandemic and the isolation, loneliness and other difficulties this has created. Pastoral contact is an ongoing part of our support. Please do not hesitate to contact us with your concerns.



### Prayers for TaB Members & Friends

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the many blessings seen, unseen and those that we so often take for granted in our lives. Teach us to pray with faith in your willingness to supply all our needs, that we might receive the generosity of your love and your power of healing: ***We pray for all who are unwell, all those who are homebound or in residential care and for all those who have recently been bereaved.***

#### *Remembering especially:*

Elizabeth Arnold, Robert Barker, Catrina Bassey, Joyce Beaumont, Barbara Biggs, Iris Branch, Frances Branch-Thomas Christina Cabrera, Dorothy Campbell, Chrissie Godfrey, Lynette Heaven, Yvonne Jordine, Rhona Knight, Beverly Watkins-Kowa, Ken Kowa, Yvonne Obeng, Elizabeth Osei, Margarete Prater, Hope Siwela, Priscilla Mbape, Elizabeth Takaedza & Carlet White-Griffiths.



### New Arrival!

Congratulations to Hazel & Matt Pyne on the birth of their **beautiful baby boy Marcus Victor Pyne**. Many congratulations to Aunties Angela and Chrissie and grandparents Peter and Suzy Godfrey. Glad to hear that mother and baby are doing well. Sending blessings, prayers and best wishes to the family.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



**To Gladys Chingoka,  
Porsha McNally and all who  
have Birthdays this week.**

May God grant you overflowing joy, abundant opportunities, and a shower of blessings. Happy Birthday!



**To all who have Anniversaries this  
week  
Happy Anniversary!**

May your marriage continue to be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the days of your life.

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# Church News and Centre Plus

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1. **Trinity at Bowes Methodist Church Sunday services are at 10.30 am and 4.00 pm**  
Church doors will open at 10.00 am for a 10.30 am start and 3.45 pm for a 4pm start. Services last one hour.

2. **New River Methodist Circuit - Online Church**

**On Facebook: New River Methodist Circuit OR via YouTube: <https://youtu.be/kjbhavh5r28>**

<b>Streaming Schedule for New River Methodist Circuit Online Church</b>			
<b>Day/(s)</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Online Event</b>	
Monday - Saturday	8.00 am	Thought for the Day	<i>Pre-recorded</i>
Monday - Saturday	9.00 am	Morning Prayers	<i>Live</i>
Saturday	10.30 am	Virtual Coffee Morning	<i>Live</i>
Sunday	10.30 am	Sunday Service	<i>Pre-recorded</i>

3. **Wednesday 5pm "TaB Together" Zoom Meetings** - All members are invited to participate.

**Meeting ID: 992 829 7354      Password: 849433**

4. **TaB Website & TaB Church Face Book** -Our TaB website <https://www.trinityatbowes.co.uk> and TaB Facebook: **TaB Church** are frequently being updated. Please contact Peter Godfrey with your ideas and with offers of help. **Email: [petergodfrey@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:petergodfrey@blueyonder.co.uk)**

5. **TaB Sunday School Resources**- Resources for Sunday school families can be found on our TaB home website using the following link <https://www.trinityatbowes.co.uk/sunday-school> Peter Godfrey- TaB Sunday School Superintendent is the contact for Sunday School resources **Email: [petergodfrey@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:petergodfrey@blueyonder.co.uk)**

6. **Trinity at Bowes Methodist Church Bank Account Details**-Should you wish make a donation by bank transfer to Trinity at Bowes Methodist Church. Our bank account details are as follows:

**Account Name:** [Trinity at Bowes Methodist Church](#) **Account no:**[92883701](#) **Sort Code:**[09-01-55](#)

*Account held at the Santander Commercial Bank. Please ensure you use **your name as the payment reference***

7. **Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2020: Handing in deadline is 8<sup>th</sup> November**

Donations to cover delivery costs are very welcome; (£5 per box) in a sealed marked envelope please.

Please contact Suzy Godfrey by phone, text, WhatsApp or email to arrange delivery of flatpack boxes or if you have any questions. (07931 766006 or [suzygodfrey@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:suzygodfrey@blueyonder.co.uk))

8. **Trial Zoom Transmission of TaB 10.30 am Sunday Services**—Feedback appreciated.

**Topic:** TaB Sunday Worship Time: 10:30 AM London **Join Zoom**

**Meeting ID: [992 829 7354](#)      Passcode: [849433](#)**

9. **Upcoming Special Sundays/Services Dates for your Diary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> November	12.00 noon	Baptism
<b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>4.00 pm</b>	<b>TaB Memorial Service (All Saints Day)</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30 am	Remembrance Sunday
15 <sup>th</sup> November	12.00 noon	Baptism
29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Advent Service</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30 am	Carol Service
25 <sup>th</sup> December (Friday)	10.30 am	Christmas Day Service

10. **New River -Circuit-35/22News**

10.1) **All Saints Day – 1<sup>st</sup> November**- For online service our Love Feast Celebrations- Have something light at hand to eat and drink as you take part.

10.2) **Digital Church**— Our online worship will continue until 2021. We are hoping to plant a Digital Church within the Circuit. All who are interested are invited to a meeting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7.30pm. Please email [revmlunn@gmail.com](mailto:revmlunn@gmail.com) for more information.

10.3) **Treasurers Meeting** – Our Church Treasurers are invited to a meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November via Zoom. Details to follow.

If you would like news items, prayer requests and or celebrations to be included in the NewsNotes  
Please send an email to [newnotes@trinityatbowes.co.uk](mailto:newnotes@trinityatbowes.co.uk) before 10.00am every Thursday.

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